

REMARKS

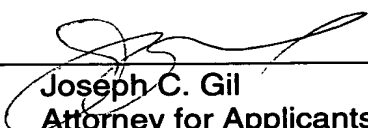
By this amendment, Claims 1 through 11 have been cancelled and Claims 12 through 21 have been added. Claim 12 corresponds to original Claim 8, written in independent form. Claims 13 through 18 further define the prepolymer as set forth in original Claims 2 through 7. Claims 19 through 21 are similar to original Claims 15 through 17, but refer to the dispersion rather than the prepolymer.

Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 6, 7 and 9 through 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over the Quay et al reference (U.S. patent 5,821,316) in view of the Uhlich reference. Claim 8 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected claim. By the amendment presented herein, Claim 8 has been placed in independent form as new Claim 12 and all the other claims depend on new Claim 12. It is believed that the rejection is now moot. Reconsideration is requested.

In view of the amendments presented herein, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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